

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

JOHN CARPENTER, )  
Petitioner )  
v. ) 1:12CV138  
ROBERT T. LEWIS, )  
Respondent. )

**RECOMMENDATION AND ORDER  
OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Petitioner, a state prisoner, has submitted a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, together with the \$5.00 filing fee. This Petition cannot be further processed because court records reveal that Petitioner has already attacked the same conviction and sentence in a previous § 2254 petition [1:07CV109]. Consequently, Petitioner must apply to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit for an order authorizing this Court to consider the current Petition as is required by 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A). *See* AO 241 (MDNC 3/97), *Instructions*, paragraph 5. Because of this pleading failure, the Petition should be dismissed. *Informa pauperis* status will be granted for the sole purpose of entering this Recommendation and Order and the Clerk will return the \$5.00 filing fee to Petitioner.

**IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED** that the Petition be dismissed for failure to apply to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit for an order authorizing this district court to consider the current Petition as is required by 28 U.S.C. § 2244.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that *in forma pauperis* status is granted for the sole purpose of entering this Recommendation and Order and that the Clerk shall return the \$5.00 filing fee to Petitioner.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk shall send Petitioner a copy of this Recommendation and Order, instruction forms for filing § 2254 petitions in this Court and for filing a Motion for Authorization in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (upon request), and four copies of § 2254 petition forms (more copies will be sent on request). Petitioner should keep the original and two copies of the § 2254 petition which can be submitted in this Court if Petitioner obtains approval from the Fourth Circuit.

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/s/ L. Patrick Auld  
**L. Patrick Auld**  
**United States Magistrate Judge**

Date: February 14, 2012